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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reimbursement of advanced placement
2 examination fees paid by or on behalf of students enrolled in
3 public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools or
4 receiving competent private instruction and making an
5 appropriation.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.24 ADVANCED PLACEMENT
1 2 EXAMINATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT == APPROPRIATION.
1 3 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and each
1 4 subsequent fiscal year, the board of directors of a public
1 5 school district shall reimburse a qualifying student or the
1 6 parent or legal guardian of a qualifying student enrolled in
1 7 the public school district or in an accredited nonpublic
1 8 school located within the boundaries of the school district,
1 9 or of a qualifying resident student receiving competent
1 10 private instruction in accordance with the requirements of
1 11 chapter 299A, the amount of the advanced placement examination
1 12 fee the student, parent, or legal guardian paid. For purposes
1 13 of this section, "qualifying student" means a student who
1 14 achieves a score of three or higher on the advanced placement
1 15 five=point scale.
1 16 2. To be reimbursed in accordance with subsection 1, the
1 17 student or parent or legal guardian of a student attending an
1 18 accredited nonpublic school or receiving competent private
1 19 instruction who paid the advanced placement examination fee
1 20 shall submit by August 15 proof of the student's qualifying
1 21 score and, on a form approved by the department, a claim for
1 22 reimbursement to the school district. The school district
1 23 shall verify the student's qualifying score.
1 24 3. By September 1 of the school year following the school
1 25 year in which the advanced placement examination fees were
1 26 paid, the school district shall submit its claims for
1 27 reimbursements paid pursuant to subsection 1 to the
1 28 department.
1 29 4. By October 1 of the school year following the school
1 30 year in which the advanced placement examination fees were
1 31 paid, the department of education shall distribute to each
1 32 school district, from moneys appropriated to the department
1 33 for this purpose, an amount of aid to each school district
1 34 that submitted claims as provided in subsection 3, equal to
1 35 the total amount of the advanced placement examination fees
2 1 paid by the school district.
2 2 5. The costs of paying advanced placement examination fees
2 3 as provided in this section shall not be included in the
2 4 computation of district cost under chapter 257, but shall be
2 5 shown in the budget as an expense from miscellaneous income.
2 6 Any moneys received by a school district for the payment of
2 7 student advanced placement examination fees under this section
2 8 shall not affect district cost limitations of chapter 257.
2 9 The moneys paid to a school district as provided in this
2 10 section are miscellaneous income as defined in section 257.2.
2 11 6. There is annually appropriated from the general fund of
2 12 the state to the department an amount sufficient to pay the
2 13 claims submitted to the department pursuant to this section.

EXPLANATION

2 15 This bill requires the board of directors of a public
2 16 school district to reimburse a student or the parent or legal

2 17 guardian of a student enrolled in the public school district
2 18 or in an accredited nonpublic school located within the
2 19 boundaries of the school district, or of a resident student
2 20 receiving competent private instruction, the advanced
2 21 placement examination fee the student, parent, or legal
2 22 guardian paid. However, to be eligible to receive
2 23 reimbursement, the student must achieve a score of three or
2 24 higher on the advanced placement five-point scale. The bill
2 25 provides for the reimbursement from a standing, unlimited,
2 26 annual appropriation made to the department of education for
2 27 that purpose.
2 28 To qualify for a reimbursement, the student or parent or
2 29 guardian of a student attending an accredited nonpublic school
2 30 must submit a claim and proof of the student's qualifying
2 31 score to the public school district of enrollment by August
2 32 15. The school district must, by September 1, submit to the
2 33 department of education the claims for reimbursement.
2 34 By October 1, the department must distribute to each school
2 35 district an amount of aid equal to the amount of the total
3 1 amount of the advanced placement examination fees paid by the
3 2 school district.
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